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Washington, June 29—President Kennedy today conferred with the National Security Council and considered a number of moves the country will recommend to its Western Allies should the Berlin crisis reach a showdown.

The White House refused to reveal any information concerning the meeting, except to state that it was held this afternoon.

The President himself disclosed at his press conference yesterday that the NSC meeting today would discuss the Berlin situation and said he would be considering "a whole variety of measures which might be taken" if Soviet Premier Khrushchev attempts to push the allies out of West Berlin.

## Acheson Role Seen

Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State under President Harry S. Truman, is understood to have submitted to the Chief Executive his recommendations for meeting the problem. He has been studying the situation at the President's request since April.

It is considered likely that Acheson attended the NSC meeting, but the White House would not say so.

However, it is believed that he either signed his recommendations personally or that the nation's top security board or the Kennedy White House accepted it in some form with the President's approval.

The former Secretary of State is likely correct in his view that Acheson was in the White House during the session. The NSC is composed of the President, Vice President John

Edgar, Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, Robert S. McNamara, Secretary of Defense, and Frank B. Rowland, director of civil and defense mobilization.

Frequently attending the session, however, are McGeorge Bundy, special Presidential assistant for national security affairs; Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and the chairman and members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Although Gen. Maxwell Taylor, who has been named military representative of the President will not officially resume active service status until Saturday, he has been at the White House for several days and probably attended today's meeting.

## Other Recommendations Due

Recommendations for action, besides those submitted by Acheson, are expected to be presented to the President by the Pentagon and the State Department.

Yesterday, the President said he had not received a recommendation for a partial mobilization before the heat is really turned on in the Berlin area, but he did not completely rule out that something of that sort would be among the actions to be studied.

Preliminary work on a program got under way at a White House luncheon last Friday when the NSC — except for the Vice President who was in Hawaii — met with key Democratic figures from the Senate.

Meanwhile, a four-power diplomatic group will meet tomorrow to consider the United States reply to the Soviet memorandum in Berlin which Khrushchev handed to Mr. Kennedy in Vienna last month.

## Will Be Made Public

The group consists of Foy D. Kohler, Assistant Secretary of State for European Affairs, and the ambassadors of Great Britain, France and Germany.

Pierre Salinger, the President's press secretary, said the reply will be made public after it is set, but he did not expect this for a week or ten days.

Among the many actions of a Kennedy signing into law of the bill designed to insure completion of the 41,000-mile Interstate

Twenty-seven members of Congress, those who had a hand in enactment of the measure, and members of the Cabinet attended the signing ceremony. Representative Fallon (D., Md.), chairman of the House Roads subcommittee, was one of those present.

The President said the new law would aid national defense, stimulate economic development, and cut the "appalling" accident toll. Representative Fallon, who steered the measure through the House, said the revenues it provides assures that the program will be on a sound pay-as-you-go basis.

The Marylander also said he was "pleased that the billboard control provision of the 1956 act had been extended for two more years, encouraging more states to take advantage of the incentive bonus offered to safeguard the scenic beauty of our highways." The measure carries an appropriation of \$11,500,000 for the Federal Government's 80 per cent share of the costs, and brings the total appropriation up to \$37,000,000 for the interstate system.

## To Leave For Weekend

The President and his family will leave tomorrow for their summer estate at Hyannisport, Mass., for the long Fourth of July holiday weekend. The President will return alone late Tuesday or Wednesday.

They will fly by Government jet from Otis Air Base from Andrews Field near here and travel the remaining eighteen miles to Hyannisport by helicopter. Most of the President's brothers, sisters and their children will be at the Kennedy compound on Cape Cod for the holiday.